

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for granting access to content, comprising:

a storage unit for storing an attribute information list, the attribute information list identifying a type of information processing apparatus and identifying a function of the information processing apparatus; and

an interpretation module for determining, before acquiring a content key for decrypting the content, whether the type and the function included in the attribute information list matches data contained in a property selection list distributed with the content, wherein:

the property selection list includes a process code, the process code defining a comparison for the information processing apparatus to perform between the attribute information list and the property selection list, the comparison including:

when the type and the function match the data, the information processing apparatus grants access to the content, and

when the type and the function do not match the data, the information processing apparatus denies access to the content.

21. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, wherein

the property selection list includes a parameter, and

the interpretation module determines whether to grant access to the content based on the parameter.

22. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, wherein

the attribute information list is set on a per library unit basis with a library unit as a category corresponding to a usage of the content, and

the interpretation module determines whether to grant access to the content based on the attribute information list using the per library unit basis.

23. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, wherein

the attribute information list further includes at least one of text data, code data, and numerical data, and

the interpretation module determines whether to grant access to the content by determining whether the text data, code data, or numerical data matches the data contained in the property selection list.

24. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, further comprising:

a processor for acquiring ~~[[a]]~~ the content key when the information processing apparatus grants access to the content, wherein the content key decrypts the content.

25. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein

the information processing apparatus receives a device node key, and acquiring of the content key comprises decrypting an enabling block key based on the device node key.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing instructions ~~which, when executed by having a computer program for causing a computer, to execute~~ perform a method for storing license information used to grant access to content, the method comprising:

storing a property selection list, the property selection list identifying a first type of information processing apparatus and identifying a first function of the information processing apparatus;

determining, before acquiring a content key for decrypting the content, whether the first type and the first function match a second type and a second function of an information processing apparatus that requests the content;

obtaining a process code from the license information, the process code
defining a comparison for performing based on the property selection list;

executing the comparison defined by the process code;

granting access to the content when the first type and the first function match the second type and the second function; and

denying access to the content when the first type and the first function do not match the second type and the second function.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the property selection list further comprises a parameter.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 26, further comprising dividing the property selection list into categories depending on the usage of the content.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 26, further comprising describing the property selection list using extended markup language data.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for granting access to content, comprising:

acquiring a property selection list, the property selection list identifying a first type of information processing apparatus and identifying a first function of the information processing apparatus;

acquiring an attribute information list, the attribute information list
identifying a second type of information processing apparatus and identifying a second
function of the information processing apparatus;

obtaining a process code from the property selection list, the process code
defining a comparison for performing between the attribute information list and the
property selection list;

executing, before acquiring a content key for decrypting the content, the
comparison defined by the process code ~~comparing the property selection list to the~~
~~attribute information list~~ to determine whether to grant access to the content;

granting access to the content when the first type and the first function
match the second type and the second function; and

denying access to the content when the first type and the first function do
not match the second type and the second function.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein
the property selection list includes a parameter, and
the comparison determines whether to grant access to the content based
on the parameter.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein
the attribute information list is set on a per library unit basis with a library
unit as a category corresponding to a usage of the content, and

the comparison determines whether to grant access to the content based on the attribute information list using the per library unit basis.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein
the attribute information list further includes at least one of text data, code data, and numerical data, and
the comparison determines whether to grant access to the content by determining whether the text data, code data, or numerical data matches the data contained in the property selection list.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
acquiring ~~[[a]]~~ the content key when access is granted to the content,
wherein the content key decrypts the content.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising:
receiving a device node key, and
acquiring the content key by decrypting an enabling block key based on the device node key.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing instructions
which, when executed by having a computer program for causing a computer, perform
~~to execute~~ a method for granting ~~grating~~ access to content, the method comprising:

acquiring a property selection list, the property selection list identifying a first type of information processing apparatus and identifying a first function of the information processing apparatus;

acquiring an attribute information list, the attribute information list identifying a second type of information processing apparatus and identifying a second function of the information processing apparatus;

comparing, before acquiring a content key for decrypting the content, the property selection list to the attribute information list based on a process code included in the property selection list;

granting access to the content when the first type and the first function match the second type and the second function; and

denying access to the content when the first type and the first function do not match the second type and the second function.